

**AUGUST 24, 2005 MEETING**

**374 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION**

**MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present**

Renée Campbell, President  
Steven Afriat, Vice President  
Diana Wood, Secretary

**County Representatives**

Halvor Melom, County Counsel  
Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer Tax  
Deputy Derrick White, Sheriff's Department

**Absent**

James Barger  
Martha Molina-Aviles

**Commission Services Staff**

Steve Erickson  
Gabriel Alexander

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Campbell called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m., followed by the pledge of allegiance. Applicants and Witnesses were sworn to testify truthfully.

**MINUTES:**

**ACTION TAKEN: MINUTES of August 10, 2005 – Approved**

**Motion: Commissioner Wood, seconded by Vice President Afriat**

**Ayes: Vice President Afriat and Commissioner Wood**

**Abstain: President Campbell**

**Vote: Duly carried**

**Application for Entertainment/Dance Business License, ID # 131283**

- 3a.     Alonso Palacio  
          dba Bar & Restaurante Centenario  
          10720 Inglewood Ave.  
          Lennox

Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer Tax, reported on the objections he received on this application, and presented the Commission with a copy of a letter from the Alcohol and Beverage Control. He reported that the applicant has been the owner of record since September 2004, and that he advised the applicant that a manager's license is required prior to the application of an Entertainment/Dance License to which the applicant has not complied. He also introduced Deputy Derrick White, from the Lennox Sheriff's station, to provide testimony objecting to the approval of this application.

The Commission reviewed the correspondence from the ABC agency and asked the applicant about any condition imposed by the ABC. The Commission noted the violations impressed by the Alcohol and Beverage Control.

Deputy White, Sheriff's Department, reported on the history of criminal activity at the applicants business address since April 2004 (i.e. assaults, vandalism, and burglaries.) He added that there have been numerous reports of assaults with deadly weapons, stolen vehicles, illegal possession of fire arms and narcotics involvement. He further reported that after weeks of surveillance, gang activity became obvious after business hours. He went on to explain about the arrests made inside the Centenario Bar, and violations cited by the Alcohol and Beverage Control.

The Commission reviewed and acknowledged the privileges involved and the evidence provided respectively. The Commission expressed their concerns about the community safety, the violations cited, and their interest in finding solutions in this matter.

The applicant, Alonso Palacio, was accompanied by his attorney, Armando Chavira. Counsel for the applicant explained that although he understands the Commission's concerns, he is not prepared to respond to the ABC correspondence and or its contents. He also expressed concerns about the incident logs presented by the Sheriff's Department. He explained about the ownership issues, which might implicate responsibility, on behalf of his client, for the reported criminal activity prior to January 2005. He went on to report on the current approvals of inspections from the L. A. County Fire Department and the Building & Safety Department.

The applicant, Alonso Palacio, reported on the business hours of operation and his knowledge of the activities that have taken place in the past at this location. He explained that he has four female bartenders and approximated on the number of patrons. He also explained how he came to purchase the Centenario Bar, and that he's been the owner since January 20, 2005. He further explained that although he was aware of the prior circumstances involving gang activities, he purchased the property and made efforts to correct the problems by talking to gang members about the new ownership, hiring security guards, and installing security cameras.

**ACTION TAKEN:**     **The Commission agreed to deny Application for Entertainment/Dance Business License, ID # 131283.**

**Motion:**             **President Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Wood**

**Ayes:**               **President Campbell, Vice President Afriat and Commissioner Wood**

**Vote:**               **Unanimously carried**

**Application for Massage Parlor/General Business License, ID # 131786**

3b.     Iren Balogh  
        A Special Look  
        32107 W. Lindero Canyon Road, # 101  
        Westlake Village

Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer Tax, reported that his department along with Investigator Cunningham from the Sheriff's Department, recommend approval of this application.

The applicant, Iren Balogh, explained about the business location, hours of operation and the number of employees at the premises. She explained that she has been in operation as owner and stylist since 1998, and that she is currently certified as a licensed massage technician. She went on to explain that she is applying for this license because she would like offer massage therapy as a new service, and that she understands all licensing requirements and regulations.

**ACTION TAKEN:**     **The Commission approved Application for Massage Parlor/General Business License, ID # 131786.**

**Motion:**             **Vice President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Wood**

**Ayes:**                    **President Campbell, Vice President Afriat  
and Commissioner Wood**

**Vote:**                    **Unanimously carried**

**CONSENT CALENDAR CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS**

- 4a.    Boys Republic  
      3493 Grand Avenue  
      Chino, CA
- 4b.    Hear Center  
      301 E. Del Mar Blvd.  
      Pasadena, CA
- 4c.    Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Health Foundation  
      23845 McBean Parkway  
      Valencia, CA
- 4d.    The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
      6033 W. Century Blvd., Suite 300  
      Los Angeles, CA
- 4e.    Alpha Charter Guild  
      P.O. Box 1793  
      Lancaster, CA

**ACTION TAKEN:**    **The Commission approved the Consent Calendar  
Charitable Solicitations.**

**Motion:**                **Vice President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Wood**

**Ayes:**                    **President Campbell, Vice President Afriat  
and Commissioner Wood**

**Vote:**                    **Unanimously carried**

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE**

**ACTION TAKEN:** The Commission agreed to remove this item from the calendar.

**Motion:** Vice President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Wood

**Ayes:** President Campbell, Vice President Afriat and Commissioner Wood

**Vote:** Unanimously carried

**MATTERS NOT ON POSTED AGENDA ( TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING):** President Campbell expressed concerns about Commissioners' attendance with regards to providing adequate public service and in consideration of the scheduled agenda items. Halvor Melom, County Counsel, advised the Commission to either address and notify the appointing authority or the Board of Supervisors with such concerns. President Campbell agreed to address the appointing authority about her concerns.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Maria T. Verduzco-Smith, a resident of Lennox and President of the Lennox Coordinating Council, a member of the Citizen's Advisory to the Sheriff's Department Advisory and President of the Coordinating Council, expressed her concerns about the Centenario Bar operating in her neighborhood and within the her Community.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** The Commission agreed to discuss proposing to the Board of Supervisors an amendment to the applicable ordinance that would allow the Commission to appoint a Hearing Officer to approve Consent Calendar items only.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Commission adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

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Renée Campbell  
President